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SUBJECT/ NAC: THE ALIGNED AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

1. THE USG IS NOT ALONE IN ITS INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENTS
AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE. A LARGE NUMBER OF
OTHER ALIGNED AND NOT-SO-ALIGNED DIPLOMATS WILL
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PROWL THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CONFERENCE SEEKING TO FIND OUT

AND, FOR SOME, INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF EVENTS. ANXIOUS TO PROTECT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS FROM OUTSIDE CONTACT, THE SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT HAS RESTRICTED THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF OF NON-MEMBERS TO TWO DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS AND ONE STAFF. MANY NON-MEMBERS ARE SENDING THE MAXIMUM.

2. THE WEST AND ITS ALLIES: AT LEAST TWELVE AUXILIARY DIPLOMATS WILL BE IN COLOMBO FROM WESTERN EUROPE. CANADA, JAPAN AND KOREA. THE FRG AND JAPAN ARE BRINGING OFFICERS WHO ARE SERVING OR RECENTLY SERVED AT THEIR MISSIONS IN NEW YORK. THE JAPANESE, FRENCH AND KOREANS ALSO HAVE OFFICERS COMING FROM THEIR HOME MINISTRIES. THE BRITISH, CANADIANS, DUTCH AND BELGIANS HAVE SENT OFFICERS FROM NEW DELHI, THE LATTER TWO BEING AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO SRI LANKA. WHILE THE BRITISH AND FRENCH REPORT NO PRESSURE FROM THEIR CAPITALS THE GERMANS SAY THAT BONN HAS RECENTLY BECOME QUITE INTERESTED IN THE CONFERENCE.

3. SOVIET UNION AND CHINA: THE RUSSIANS BEGAN A SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF THEIR EMBASSY STAFF IN COLOMBO SOME MONTHS AGO AND HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH THE NOW SIZEABLE CUBAN DIPLOMATIC AND PRENSA LATINA ESTABLISHMENT. WE EXPECT, BASED ON THEIR RECENT BEHAVIOR HERE, THAT THEY WILL BE WORKING ACTIVELY TO ACHIEVE A FAVORABLE OUTCOME. IN CONTRAST, THE CHINESE, WHILE MAINTAINING A RELATIVELY LARGE PRESENCE HERE, ARE NOT LOBBYING STRENUOUSLY. IT MAY BE THAT THEY FIND THE CONFERENCE DRAFTS SO WELL BALANCED BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AS TO BE ADEQUATELY TO THEIR TASTE.

4. APPLICANTS: THE GSL HAS APPROVED THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO A FOUR-MAN PHILIPPINE TEAM WHICH WILL BECOME THE GUEST DELEGATION IF APPROVED. THE TEAM, WHICH INCLUDES THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA, AMBASSADOR BRILLANTES, AND THE AMBASSADOR IN ALGIERS (FOR HIS FLUENT FRENCH), WILL ARRIVE NEXT WEEK. THE ROMANIAN OBSERVER DELEGATION HAS ALSO BEEN APPROVED FOR TRAVEL, BUT ONLY TWO APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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LOWER-RANKING MEMBERS WILL ARRIVE BEFORE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS REACH A DECISION. THE AUSTRALIANS, ANXIOUS NOT TO RUN THE RISK OF A REBUFF, HAVE NOT PURSUED THEIR EARLIER REQUEST FOR GUEST STATUS, HAVE NOT SOUGHT VISAS FOR A DELEGATION. AND, IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION, HAVE EVEN REFRAINED FROM AUGMENTING THEIR RESIDENT STAFF. THE PAKISTANIS ALSO HAVE A RESIDENT HIGH COMMISSION HERE AND WILL NOT BE BRINGING ANYONE IN FOR THE CONFERENCE. THEIR

PRIMARY CONCERN IS THE POSSIBLE REVIVAL OF A PROPOSAL
FOR NON-ALIGNED COLLECTIVE SECURITY.

5. INVITED GUESTS: THE FOUR APPROVED GUEST DELEGATIONS
ARE ALL FROM WESTERN EUROPE. THE SCANDINAVIANS ARE
SENDING MINISTERS: THE SWEDISH MINISTER OF TRADE AND THE
FINNISH MINISTER OF JUSTICE, AUSTRIA IS, WE UNDERSTAND,
SENDING TWO OFFICIALS FROM VIENNA, AS WELL AS ITS
AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI, WHILE THE SWISS AMBASSADOR
IN COLOMBO WILL MAKE UP A ONE-MAN DELEGATION.
THE GUEST DELEGATIONS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND

ONLY THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

6. COMMENT: SHOULD THE GSL'S SECURITY MEASURES PROVE
TOO EFFECTIVE, WE CAN ALWAYS TALK TO EACH OTHER.
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